

Fiscal Services Division

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Fiscal Note

HF 2587 – Mental Health Crisis Services (LSB 5355 HV)

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Description

House File 2587 establishes a children's mental health services system within the Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health. The system is to provide a variety of children's mental health services to prevent or reduce utilization of more costly, restrictive care and to keep children in their homes. Funding will be provided to counties through a competitive block grant process. The Bill specifies that implementation of the system is limited to the extent funding is appropriated.

Fiscal Impact

The Bill requires the Mental Health and Disability Services Division (MHDS) to implement the system through a competitive block grant process. While no appropriation is made in this Bill, the Department has requested \$3.0 million from the General Fund for FY 2009. The Division has added staff to develop and monitor budgets, contracts, and grants, so no additional administrative costs should be incurred by the Division. Implementation costs at the county level are limited to the extent of the grants provided funding is appropriated. No standard set of services is specified in the Bill and counties are given the flexibility to determine what services are needed.

Sources

Department of Human Services, MHDS

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